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CHESTER PEOPLE WORK ROADS

GOOD ROADS DAY PROVES BIG SUCCESS.

Believed That 3,000 Men and 500 Teams Have Put in Their Best Efforts.

Chester, Sept. 6.—The greatest single day probably in Chester's long history successfully terminated late yesterday evening. It was good roads day, which the Chester Chamber of Commerce had been busily engaged in boosting for the past month. The entire county worked in unison. For the past few weeks each township had been organized so that on the appointed day the work should go forward without any delay.

Reports coming in to the Chamber of Commerce today indicated that 3,000 men and 500 teams worked the roads yesterday. The city of Chester loaned many teams. Practically every business and professional man in Chester who was unable to use a pick or shovel yesterday contributed a dollar. Needless to state this sum grew to rather large proportions and it was used to hire teams, etc.

In a number of places stretches of new road were built and hundreds of holes in the roads were covered. In several townships the work is being prolonged into today and tomorrow. So enthusiastic were the people over the results achieved that the Chamber of Commerce has decided to make good roads day an annual event for Chester. On one road a splendid culvert was put in.

W. H. EPPERSON PASSES AWAY.

Well Known Citizen and Former Sheriff Dies at Age of Seventy-Nine.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 6.

William H. Epperson, a former sheriff of Sumter county and former alderman of the city of Sumter, died at the home of his son, J. A. Epperson, 14 Levi street at 8:05 o'clock last night, after an illness of about three years. He had been in a serious condition for about two months and Sunday evening he suddenly took a turn for the worse and was unconscious from then up to the time of his death. He was a veteran of the War Between the States and was in his 79th year.

Mr. Epperson was a native of Danville, Va., but moved to Sumter as a young man before the War Between the States. Just prior to the war he was married to Miss Susan Brunson of Summerton, by whom two children survive, Messrs. J. A. Epperson of Sumter and Willie J. Epperson, whose present residence is unknown. Afterwards Mr. Epperson married Mrs. Mary Brennan, who predeceased him by little more than a year. By this marriage three children are surviving, John D. Epperson, of Sumter; Mrs. Gertrude Boas of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Nell Gillmore of Unadilla, Pa.

Mr. Epperson joined a Clarendon county company at the beginning of the war and served throughout, being a brave and faithful soldier. He has been engaged in various business enterprises in Sumter. He served as an alderman of the city of Sumter from Ward 4 for five terms and was elected sheriff in 1904, which office he held for eight years. Upon his retirement in 1912, he made his home with his children and recently has been living with his son, J. A. Epperson, at whose residence he was staying when his final illness came upon him.

The deceased was a Mason. He was well known throughout the county and had many warm personal friends, who will grieve his death as a personal loss.

The funeral services were held from the late residence, 14 Levi street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon and the interment was at the Sun cemetery. Rev. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist Church conducted the services, which were attended by a large gathering of friends.

Leave for Davidson.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 5.

Mrs. Eliza Dees, wife of Screven Dees, died at her home on Hauser street last night about 7 o'clock, having been taken ill very suddenly and dying within a few hours. The funeral services and interment will be held at the Sumter cemetery tomorrow. Mrs. Dees before her marriage was Miss Tidwell of Providence. She is survived by her husband, five daughters and six sons.

A number of boys left here yesterday morning for Davidson College which they will attend this winter. Among those to go were Henry Spann, Ralph Flowers, new students, and Alva Solomons, William F. Shaw, Jr., Alwyn Burns, Geo. Rowland and Charles Wilson.

The county board had its regular monthly meeting Tuesday. Only routine business was transacted.

THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS.

CLEMSON BOARD HEARS DATA AS TO APPLICATIONS.

Met at Florence—Pee Dee Experiment Station Crops Suffered Less Than Others Near By.

Columbia, Sept. 7.—Trustees of Clemson college met in Florence yesterday, visiting the Clemson college experiment station there and passing upon the recommendations of the board of charities and corrections, relative to the financial status of parents of scholarship holding students. Alan Johnstone, Sr., of Newberry, president of the board of trustees, said last night that the crops at the station had stood up under the adverse weather conditions much better than the crops on neighboring farms. Damage, though, was considerable.

The recommendations of the board of charities as to the financial standing of parents of scholarship holding students of Clemson were adopted, in that these recommendations were based on accurate information, collected by the secretaries of the board of charities and corrections. The State board of education will make final recommendations.

Those attending the meeting yesterday were: Alan Johnstone, Sr., Newberry; B. R. Tillman, Trenton; J. J. Evans, Bennettsville; S. T. McCown, Chester; S. A. Burns, Anderson; J. E. Wannamaker, St. Matthews; Ivy N. Mauldin, Pickens. Prof. J. N. Harper of Clemson college and President Riggs were also in attendance. The report of the board of charities and corrections was made by Albert Sidney Johnstone of Columbia, secretary of the board.

CAMPAIN FOR HEALTH OFFICER.

Chamber of Commerce Working for Better Sanitation and Health in County.

A systematic organization, by communities and school districts, for the purpose of showing that the people of the rural districts and small thickly settled towns and villages are in favor of a county health officer, and township boards of health, is being attempted by Secretary E. I. Epperson of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

Five hundred petitions accompanied by an equal number of letters have been mailed out or will be within the next twenty-four hours to men and women of every school district in this county, requesting that the petitions be circulated for signatures endorsing legislation for the creation of the office of whole time county health officer and township boards of health.

A couple of State Board of Health sanitary bulletins will be placed in each envelope with the petitions and letters showing the value of health protective measures in the rural districts.

If the citizens of the rural districts of this county, and of Wedgefield, Rembert, Borden, Hagood, Dalzell, Oswego, Shiloh, and other unincorporated communities that are more or less thickly populated, and of all communities desiring improved sanitary measures will back up the movement by organizing their neighborhoods and signing the petitions the movement can be made a success.

The State Board of Health, through Dr. J. A. Hayne, State Health Officer, is backing up the movement, and if a whole time county health officer is provided for during the next session of the legislature, or even guaranteed by the Sumter county legislative delegation in advance, Sumter county will be given a complete federal and State health department health survey which will be worth a great deal to Sumter county. Only counties with whole time county health officers and township or county health board organizations can secure the complete county health surveys and educational mass meetings by seven or eight trained sanitary experts of the Rockefeller rural sanitation fund, working in cooperation with the United States and South Carolina health departments.

News and Views of Pisgah.

Pisgah, Sept. 6.—Stubble land is now being mowed and if the weather continues fine a large crop of hay will be made.

Cotton is opening very slowly, as it is late, the bulk of what is made will open in October. From the best estimates not over a third of a crop will be made. Possibly the high price will help to bridge the gap.

Mr. Zim Baker and family, who have been spending the summer here, left for their home at Ojus, Florida, yesterday. They have many friends here who were glad to see them and sorry to see them leave. They returned by way of Augusta and Savannah in their car.

A protracted meeting is going on at McLeod's church this week. One

AMERICANS ON VESSELS SUNK

UNCLE SAM TO INVESTIGATE TO DETERMINE IF RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED.

No Information at Hand to Indicate Either Steamer Was Illegally Attacked—23 Survivors at Glasgow.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Sinking of two vessels in the European war zone with Americans aboard was reported to the State department today by American consular officers. The State department will investigate both incidents to determine if American rights have been violated. There is no information at hand to indicate that either vessel was attacked illegally.

A dispatch from Consul McCunn at Glasgow announced that there were twenty-eight Americans on board the British steamer Kelvinia when she was sunk by a mine or torpedo September 2, while bound from Newport News, Va., to Avonmouth and Glasgow. All of the Americans, muleteers, were rescued and are now in Glasgow.

Consul Hurst at Barcelona, Spain, reported that two "presumable" Americans, James Andrews and Lon Bruce, were among the crew of the Italian sailing vessel, Stella del Mare, sunk by a submarine of the Belleair Islands on August 28. The message did not state whether the crew was saved nor give the addresses of the two members believed to be American citizens.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—It is officially admitted that the allies captured Clerly on the Somme front. It is semi-officially announced that a frank discussion of Germany's peace terms will be permitted at the November session of the Reichstag.

will start at Pisgah church next Sunday.

While the election brought many disappointments to people, we all should be glad that it was a peaceful one and no one got killed. This speaks well for the State. Let us hope the next one will be so, but any interference at the polls in the interest of candidates will be resented as it properly should. People are too well posted and educated to be misled by any one.

Sumter State is simply disgusting in its political course—to say that Cooper can hand his vote to whom he pleases would give him more power than any man can have in a free republic, but such a statement is the prattle of a child.

(The publication of an unsavory and discreditable official record is rather apt to be disgusting to the partisans of the candidate thus exposed. Talking about fairness—is it fair to assert that The Columbia State has stated that "Cooper can hand his vote to whom he pleases"—when The State has never made such a statement?—Ed.)

If Mr. Cooper is so satisfied with Gov. Manning's administration he should not have come out against him, but supported him from the first. What he now does weakens his position. All first class papers will give both sides of a question when their patrons differ and the paper that can't do that should take a back seat so far as it can exert any influence on either side. Fairness in politics pays. Tillman's advice will be another Jones affair, as many know he said his hands were off, then put them on and lost about 25,000 votes for his intermeddling.

In cranking his car last week Mr. T. A. Bradley got his arm broke. Fortunately he was near Dr. Carson, who set it. He is getting on very well.

PRESS MANNING FIGHT.

ANDERSON MEN LAY PLANS FOR SHARP CAMPAIGN.

Governor Delighted at the Way Cooper Supporters are Coming in to Help Reelect Him.

Anderson, Sept. 6.—Practically the same men, representing all sections of the county, who met here two weeks ago to direct the campaign of Robert A. Cooper for governor, met here again this afternoon and organized to wage a campaign for Gov. Manning's reelection. The crowd this afternoon was much larger than that of two weeks ago, being augmented by many men who were Manning supporters at the first primary. The Cooper and Manning men are now working together enthusiastically for Gov. Manning and splendid results are expected next Tuesday.

A plan was adopted this afternoon by which all Cooper and Manning supporters will visit the polls and vote for Gov. Manning's reelection.

Gov. Manning spent several hours here today and attended the conference. Before leaving he expressed himself as being delighted with the way the Manning and Cooper men in this county are working hand in hand. He said that today was one of the most profitable days he has spent since the first primary. He left here greatly encouraged and thoroughly satisfied with conditions in Anderson county.

The friends of the governor announced last night on being advised of his coming here today that he would make a speech from the court house steps late this afternoon. A large crowd came from the county to hear him but the governor was unable to remain here to make the speech. He stated with great reluctance that he could not remain here until the hour announced for speaking because of other imperative engagements, made several days ago, which called him away from Anderson early in the afternoon.

BIG MAJORITY FOR EXTRA LEVY

Vote Goes Eleven to One in Favor of More Mills for Educational Advantages.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 6.

The vote yesterday in the election for an extra three mill levy to add to the educational facilities of the city schools was overwhelmingly in favor of the levy. The vote upon the count stood 145 for and 13 against the extra levy, or more than eleven to one in favor of the issue.

This vote was by far the largest vote on any educational question which has been put up to the people of Sumter in recent years and the fact that only tax payers could vote makes the vote even larger proportionately. The fact that there was such a large vote also indicates that the citizens of Sumter have the wel-

fare of the city schools deeply at heart and are willing and anxious to do their part to add to their efficiency.

In The Police Court.

Felder Harris, disorderly conduct, found guilty, \$5 or 10 days.

Elma Gardner and Anna Johnson, disorderly conduct, \$5 or 10 days each.

Juanita DesChamps, Carrie Murray, Ella Murray, disorderly conduct, \$5 or 10 days each.

Danish Steamer Sunk.

London, Sept. 6.—Danish steamer Jeanne was sunk, presumably by a German submarine.

NOTICE—Party wanting position to oversee farm near city another year. References can be furnished. 25 Blanding St.

COTTON SEED—It will be to your interest to see me at cotton platform before selling your seed. I want 200 tons quick, J. L. Mossley.

FOR SALE—Nitrate of soda, acid, cottonseed meal, spring deliveries. Book now, save money. Flour shipments September and October. Grains, feed and seed. Write or wire, South Atlantic Distributing Co., Sumter, S. C.

Sumter to Augusta

And Return

—via—

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—To—

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Monday, Sept. 11, 1916

Train leaves Sumter 5:50 A. M. Leaves Wilmington returning 9:00 P. M. Fare from Sumter \$1.50 for the round trip. Correspondingly low rates from other points.

W. J. Craig, P. T. M.

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